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## Picks of the Week: 13th March 2023

We are excited to share the launch of Your Future Oxfordshire with you this week! Please share this and the other links with your colleagues, students and parents/carers.



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## From OxLEP Skills

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### Your Future Oxfordshire is Live!

<https://oxfordshire.yourfutures.uk>

Your Future Oxfordshire has been created to ensure young people educated in special schools, who do not sit traditional level 2 qualifications employers recognise, can still gain access to labour market information relevant to their needs and abilities. Every SEND student and their parents or carers should have access to good quality information about future study options and labour market opportunities. Your Future Oxfordshire aims to offer this information in an accessible and easy format.

The site features many [different career paths](#) young people can enter with no formal or minimal qualifications. Jobs can be filtered by entry requirements using a traffic light system: Green = no formal qualifications required; Amber = some qualifications may be required dependent upon employer and individual vacancy and; Red = formal qualifications are required.

This site has been designed with young people with SEND in mind but we would recommend using it with young people in primary school and the first few years of secondary as careers and labour market information (LMI) can be hard to navigate. This site will allow access to easily digestible information relating to accessible career pathways, skills needed for those jobs, employment sectors and salaries. There is also lots of information about progression routes in the county, helpfully contained in the ['Information Hub'](#), so please do also look at these pages too.

Just a note, that whilst care has been taken to include all the relevant information and to pick up any



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## Teacher Encounters Launch at Oxford Biomedica

<https://youtu.be/sEkKa-CFGYI>

The CEC has released a short film of the launch of their Teacher Encounters initiative at Oxford Biomedica, which saw teachers from Oxford city schools meeting staff and apprentices at OXB and having a tour of their laboratories, accompanied by Oli de Botton, Chief Executive of the CEC. You can also read about the Teacher Encounter in our recent [news article](#).



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## Events

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### Oxford Health Nurse Cadets Q&A Sessions

[Link to the information](#)

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust are looking for 16 year olds who want to work, learn and start a career in the NHS. The Cadetship takes the form of a Level 3 Senior Health Care Support Worker Apprenticeship. Cadets are employed by the Trust on a 22 month Fixed Term Contract, so it's a great way to earn as you learn - gaining nationally recognised qualifications, and building a wealth of practical experience working alongside experienced colleagues.

shifts working on a Ward at a Community Hospital (30 hours per week) - these are worked on a rota, so shifts can start from 7am and include weekend working.

They are guaranteed an interview on completion for a Nursing Degree at Oxford Brookes, or a Health Care Assistant job role or Trainee Nursing Associate Apprenticeship with Oxford Health.

Q&A sessions are being held to help with the Nurse Cadet Application. Please use the below links to register:

- [Register for 14th March at 16:30](#)
- Register for 21st March at 16:30 (coming soon)

If you or your students have any questions, please get in touch with [Nicholas.Kyte@gmail.com](mailto:Nicholas.Kyte@gmail.com)

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## Omnicom and RAPP Live Online Careers Challenges

<https://digdata.online/omnicom-and-rapp-live-online-career-challenge>

Omnicom is a global network of leading marketing communications companies. Serving over 5,000 brands across 70 countries. RAPP Worldwide is one of the agencies within Omnicom's network. They are running careers challenges for young people to understand the importance of data within the marketing industry. The challenges are looking at large, well-known brands Tropicana and KFC.

### First Step event for Years 7-9

20th March, 16:30

<https://digdata.online/omg-rapp-live-online-career-challenge-first-step-registration-form>

How can Tropicana reach a young audience? - Your help is needed to make Tropicana relevant and exciting for people aged 11-14, we need to understand what the target audience looks like, what are their favourite flavours are and what the best social media channel to reach them is. Is it Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or TikTok?

### Next Step Event for Years 10-13

21st March, 17:00

<https://digdata.online/omg-rapp-live-online-career-challenge-next-step-registration-form>

Can you help KFC get more finger lickin' chicken delivered to customers? - We need your help to identify customer group(s) that we can target for the campaign and what we may say to them in the communications. We also need you to determine the best days/times to send the communications. The data we provide and your own delivery experiences will help you solve this problem and help support KFC with the launch of their delivery service.

### Live online careers panel for students, career leaders and parents

Omnicom Media Group and Rapp agencies (who run marketing campaigns for Tropicana) talk about the exciting career opportunities they are recruiting for.



## Common Leys Farm Open Day

[www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/events/common-leys-farm-open-day](http://www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk/events/common-leys-farm-open-day)

Abingdon & Witney College are holding an open day at Common Leys Farm on **15th March from 17:00-19:00**. Students can come along and see the facilities and find out about the land-based courses on offer.

## Careers Programmes & Work Experience

### RCN Prince of Wales Nursing Cadet Scheme

[Download a poster](#)

The RCN Prince of Wales Nursing Cadet Scheme gives **16-25 year olds** an introduction to potential careers in nursing and health and social care through health care related learning modules and a clinical observational placement. It will start during the Easter holidays from **3rd - 6th April** at Oxford Brookes' Marston Road Campus, with placements taking place in **May/June 2023**. Students will develop their life skills, grow in confidence and understand what it means to work in nursing and health care.

Students should contact Adam Poland at [healthtec@buckscollegigroup.ac.uk](mailto:healthtec@buckscollegigroup.ac.uk) to apply by **15th March**.

### Opportunity to Work With Ricardo

Here at Ricardo Energy & Environment ([www.ricardo.com/en](http://www.ricardo.com/en)) we are seeking to work with schools and colleges to offer exciting opportunities to encourage young people (from **Year 10 upwards**) from all backgrounds to enter the STEM sector and contribute to solving the climate crisis.

Ricardo has an office at Harwell Campus and offers a wide variety of roles and careers, not only in environmental consultancy (including carbon management and sustainability, water, energy, natural resource management and strategy/policy development) but also in support functions (e.g. finance, sales and bidding).

challenges or workshops, insight days, 'day in the life' career talks and work experience placements.

Please email [social.value@ricardo.com](mailto:social.value@ricardo.com) if this sounds like it would be of interest to your school or college.

Look forward to hearing from you!

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## For Careers Leads and School Colleagues

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### Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

<https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/advice.page?id=AVpSfBoWFFU>

If you are supporting **students up to Year 11** who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, please make them aware that their families can book onto the Spring Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. The FSM code needed when booking is **egg23**

Each child is entitled to 4 days of provision over the 2 week spring holiday and will receive a meal while at the session. Families can view the options and book activities at <https://coordinate.cloud/haf-oxfordshire-county-council>. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the HAF team via the email [activitiesoxfordshire@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:activitiesoxfordshire@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or you call 01865 328460.

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### Oxfordshire Targeted Youth Support Service

<https://oxme.info/tyss>

This Oxfordshire County Council service works preventatively with **young people aged 11-18** to reduce the escalation of statutory involvement and negative impact on their lives. The service supports young people to build life skills, develop healthy relationships and make decisions that are right for them. If you are supporting any students who may benefit from the service, please make them / their supporting adults aware.

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## Competition

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<https://ohs.oxon.sch.uk/information/science-week-competition>

This Oxfordshire Hospital School British Science Week competition invites students from any Oxfordshire school to make a piece of art, a cartoon or poem about Connections in Science. Entries should be submitted to [competition@ohs.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:competition@ohs.oxon.sch.uk) by **19th March**. [Download a poster](#).

2023

Connections in Science



Submit your entry with  
[competition@ohs.oxon](mailto:competition@ohs.oxon)  
by **Sunday 19th March**

Scan QR code for more



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## Resources

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### New CEC report - Review of Careers Education

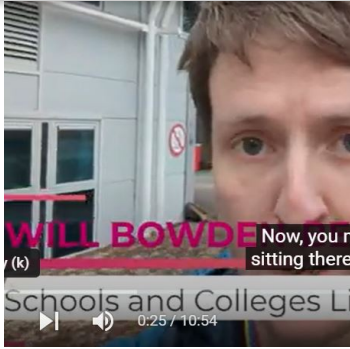
[Link to the report](#)

The Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) has published 'Ready for the Future: A review of Careers Education in England 21/22'. The [report](#) and [press release](#) are available on CEC's website.

The report draws on data and insight from young people, schools and colleges and employers to set out the clearest picture of the careers education system to date. It analyses how much progress was made in the academic year 2021/22, what gaps remain and where we need to go next.

Key insights include:

- Survey of 35,000 young people shows 74% say they are career ready in Year 13, rising from 45% in Year 7
  - Awareness of apprenticeships doubles from 39% in Year 7 to 81% by Year 11
  - High quality careers education is helping to close the disadvantage gap, reducing NEET levels
  - Work experience has bounced back to pre-pandemic level, up from 47% to 65%
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[www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQQJckgMfgE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQQJckgMfgE)

Oxford Brookes are launching a new video series helping **Year 11, 12 and 13 students** to build confidence with the basics of studying. Using a selection of bitesize videos on key study elements, they aim to build on the things students already do. [Sign up](#) to register your interest in the series.

## Apprenticeship Hub

[www.schools.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk](http://www.schools.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk)

Rate My Apprenticeship's new Apprenticeship Hub is designed for Careers Leaders and teachers. It contains careers advice and resources, apprentice success stories and events.



## Career Starter Apprenticeships

[www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/career-starter-apprenticeships](http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/career-starter-apprenticeships)

These 7 new Career Starter Apprenticeship resources explore apprenticeships in roles such as Chef, Data Technician, Electrician, Teaching Assistant and more to support students who are looking for their first role after leaving full-time education.

## Apprenticeships

### Oxford Health Nurse Cadets

[Download a flyer](#)

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Are you currently a Year 11 leaving school this year?

The best thing about the Nurse Cadet training is the confidence it gives you. I am a different person now! - Jenny, former Nurse Cadet

**We are recruiting...  
Nurse Cadets**

Oxfordshire - £20,270 per annum

Applications open  
13th to 26th March

[www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/care](http://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/care)



## Kingerlee

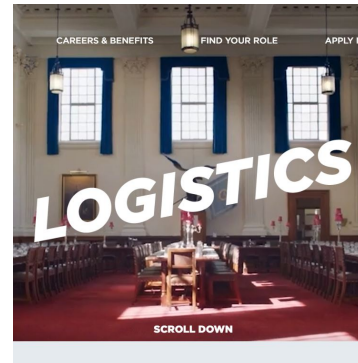
[Link to the vacancies](#)

Construction company Kingerlee based in Kidlington are recruiting for a Level 3 IT Apprentice and Level 2 Bench Joiner Apprentice to start summer 2023.

## RAF Logistics

<https://recruitment.raf.mod.uk/logistics>

With logistics vacancies available across England in roles such as a Chef, Mover, Driver, Supplier or Air & Ground Steward, the RAF can provide an exciting career for apprentices who want to be a key part of the team that keep the RAF moving.



APPRENTICES	
AWE Apprenticeships	Qualification obtained (on programme)
Electrical Maintenance	Level 3 - Advanced
Draughtsperson	Level 3 - Advanced
Mechanical Maintenance	Level 3 - Advanced
Mechatronic Maintenance	Level 3 - Advanced
Precision Machining	Level 3 - Advanced
Quality Inspector	Level 3 - Advanced
Control and Instrumentation - Maintenance	Level 3 - Advanced
Control and Instrumentation -	Level 3 - Advanced

## AWE

[www.awe.co.uk/careers/future-careers/apprentice-scheme](http://www.awe.co.uk/careers/future-careers/apprentice-scheme)

AWE plays a crucial role in national nuclear security. They are currently recruiting for level 3 and 6 apprenticeship roles covering a wide range of jobs for September 2023. Students are encouraged to apply for up to 3 roles.

## KPMG

[www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice](http://www.kpmgcareers.co.uk/apprentice)

KPMG are recruiting for talented people to join them in Audit, Consulting, KPMG Business Services and Tax & Law. There is a [practice assessment](#) available on their website for students to see what the application process involves.



## Dates For Your Diary



Listed here are events that have featured in previous Picks of the Week.

### **WOLP Apprenticeship Fair**

16th March, 18:00

The West Oxfordshire Learning Partnership are holding an Apprenticeship Fair at The Marlborough C of E School. There will be 40+ stands offering employment and careers information and an opportunity for students and their parents/carers to hear first-hand from Apprentices. [Download a poster.](#)

### **What University? & What Career? Live - Access for All**

21st March, 09:30-15:30

Registration is now open for What University? & What Career? Live - Access for All. This dedicated diversity, equity and inclusion event will be taking place virtually and will include webinars, interactive topic-led chatrooms and an extensive resource library. [Register here.](#)

### **Met Police Apprenticeships**

21st March, 15:00-16:00

Join the Metropolitan Police to find out more about their Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship. Apprentices earn a starting salary of c.£33,500 with generous allowances while making a real difference to people's lives. Students can watch a 5 min film to find out more. [Find out more.](#)

### **Henley College information event**

21st March, 17:30-20:00

Students can explore the two beautiful campuses and extensive facilities, meet the teaching staff and find out more about the broad range of courses of offer for September 2023 entry. [Register here.](#)

### **Oxfordshire Advanced Skills Open Event**

21st March

Join Oxfordshire Advanced Skills at their next open evening to learn more about their Engineering Apprenticeship programmes, tour the facility and speak to current Apprentices, employers and the training team. [Register here.](#)

### **Careers in Business Expo**

22nd March, 08:00-20:00

This virtual expo hosted by ACCA is designed to equip students aged 13-18, parents/carers and educators with information about careers in various areas of business, the skills required, how to acquire them and the various entry pathways available. Content will be on demand until 21st April. [Register here.](#)

### **Apprenticeship & Education Event**

28th March

The National Apprenticeship and Education Event is a free careers event in Birmingham, designed to inspire young people with Apprenticeship, Traineeship and T Levels opportunities. Find out more at <https://nationalapprenticeshipevents.co.uk>

16th April

Students and their families can tour the Westmill Wind Farm & Solar Park to discover how their turbines and solar cells work, learn about renewable energy and hear the eventful history of the site. You can also book to take a group of students on a bespoke tour, which might be of interest to students considering careers in renewable energy. [Find out more.](#)

### **Careers Jam 2023**

27th April 2023

You can now register your interest for Founders4Schools Careers Jam 2023. If you have any questions for the team, please contact them on [careersjam@f4s.org.uk](mailto:careersjam@f4s.org.uk). [Find out more.](#)

### **Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards**

18th May 2023 (closing date: 17th February)

The Oxfordshire Apprenticeship Awards 2023 is now open for entries and nominations! There is a Careers Champion category again this year, as well as an Inspiring the Future Employer Award and a range of categories for Apprentices and employers. We look forward to your entries! [Enter or nominate.](#)

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## **Useful Links**

These include some of the resources that have been shared in previous issues as a reminder.

[Oxme.info](#) - everything for young people in Oxfordshire

[Provider Access Legislation](#)

[Careers Leader Training](#)

[Health Careers](#)

[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

[Step into the NHS](#)

[Find Your Future](#)

[Choices post 16 resource](#)

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